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Thanks

.. To our Middle School Speech Judges - Brenda Sinclair and Jennie Clarke
To those assisting with supervision at next week's Zone Athletics at Poroti School.

.. To those supporting tonight's disco and Ivy and Daniel Oosthuizen for being the DJ's - the children are so excited.

.. To those parents who provided feedback to the school at a recent hui.
Your feedback will form part of our term 4 self review.

SELF-DISCIPLINE Virtue

Please continue your discussions at home around the **SELF-DISCIPLINE** virtue and let us know of any special gains.

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

- 1 November - School Disco
- 5 November - Zone Athletics (Poroti School)
- 26 November - Year 4- 6 Athletics Tournament
- 3 December - Year 7-8 Athletics Tournament
- 4 December - School Team Athletics Day
- 13 December - Reports home
- 16 December - School Prize Giving
- 18 December - Final day

People of the week

- .. our middle school speech finalists
- .. Ellie won Champion Pony 2 weeks running on her horse Cocoa.
- .. Vangie's guitar students who are performing at the Merrivale Resthome on Saturday. All the best.
- .. former student Leila Nicholson who recently won a Landcare PHD scholarship after graduating First Class Honours in Science at Otago University. Well done Leila

Looking to 2014

In order for us to plan for 2014 it is important for us to know which children will or will **not** be at Matarau School next year. So .. if you know that your child will not be at Matarau School in 2014 can you please advise Helen next week. This will assist us greatly in our planning.
Thank you!

Homework Routines

Now that the dust of Calf Club Day has settled we are keen for children to get back to their regular homework routines. So .. please check to ensure that routines are in place and that days and times suit your circumstances. Any questions please contact your child's teacher. If things are pretty busy at home parents are more than welcome to contact their child's teacher to request an exemption from homework indefinitely or for a specified time.

Zone Athletics .. Poroti School .. Years 4 to 8 .. 5.11

Please return any outstanding consents this coming Monday. Grateful for further offers of supervision. Any questions please contact Mr D. Please note that there are no regular classes on this day for rooms 8 through 12.



Middle School Speech Finals

Thank you to the parents who came to watch 9 of our Year 4-6 present their speeches. All speeches were well written and presented excellently. The winners were as follows:

Year 4- Jynaia

Year 5- Joseph

Year 6- Grace

Overall winners:

1st- Grace (recipient of the trophy at Prize Giving)

2nd- Andrew

3rd- Ethan and Jynaia

Can you help?

If you have any bits of 6 x 2 or 6 X 4 surplus to requirements which we could use as boxing for our sandpit please give us a call next week (Katie tells me farmers have lots of this). Many thanks.

School Cups

If your child received a cup at last year's prizegiving please send this along to school within the next 2 or 3 weeks so we can arrange re-engraving. Thank you!



Badminton Club

Please note that badminton resumed again last week. There are still places available - most Tuesdays 3-4.30pm in the school hall for a cost of \$40.

School Disco

The School disco is on tonight (Friday 1st November). Entry will be a gold coin donation. Year 5-8 children are asked to please bring a plate of food for a shared supper. There will be no supper for the Year 1-4 disco.

Junior disco - Years 1 to 4- 4:30 to 6:30pm

Senior Disco - Years 5 to 8- 7-9pm

All School Councillors are required to attend both to assist in the running of the night. All students must be collected from the school hall at the conclusion of the event.



Athletics

Middle and Senior school are beginning their Athletics practices for the year. Please ensure all students are dressed appropriately.

Headlice inspection

.. will be held Monday 4 November. Please continue to check your children's hair weekly and to respond promptly in the event of infestation. Thank you to those assisting with the inspection.

Can you help ?

.. with lunchtime athletics competitions starting in week 4. Can choose your day and even your track or field event. If able to help out please contact Kevin next week.

Child Car Seat Vouchers

We have a limited number of "10% off" Vouchers redeemable at any Baby Factory Store valid until 8 November 2013. If you would like one of these just drop by to the school office.

Sunhats

Sunhats must be worn by all children from next week please. Our school hat is a navy blue bucket hat & must be worn each day in terms 1 & 4. They can be purchased from the school office for \$9.00.



Scholastic Issue 7

All orders and payments due back in at the Office by 8th November.

Spelling Bee

First rounds starting soon in classes and so maybe get your children practising at home. Spelling Bee finals will be some time week beginning 25 November.



Art Scholarship (Year 4 and up)

If you are keen for your child(ren) to submit an art portfolio (due 25.11), and have not received an outline of what is required by the end of next week, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Home Garden Programme

Photos of your child's efforts to date can be emailed to Sue Abbott for sharing in the weekly meetings sabbott@matarau.school.nz.

Please ensure that gardens are planted and pest control and composting systems are in place. Please contact Mrs Abbott if your child withdraws from this programme at any stage to save confusion.



Analysis of After School (SRA) Labs

Recent analysis of student progress in after school literacy labs showed, among other things, the following results ..

- .. 43% of students moved up at least one colour level
- .. 10% of students moved up two colour levels
- .. 52% of students completed 10 or more cards during the programme

We have also identified a smaller group of students who had difficulty progressing through cards for a variety of reasons. We are currently considering how we might better meet the learning and motivational needs of these students should they be placed in future labs. Thanks to Mr Schuster for crunching the numbers.

Finally ..

"What is the fastest way to count cows?"

"Using a cowculator" .. joke from Taylor Dackers .. Room 9

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

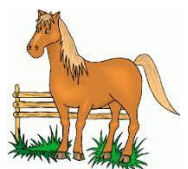
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Horse Trek fundraiser for Matarau School

2 hours walking, grass hills and smooth tracks, great views. Lead-rein riders' loop also available. \$30 incl lunch. Raffles \$2. Only 7 mins from Kamo. 10 am Sat 16 Nov 2013.

Registrations close Wednesday 13 November. For more info and registration form email: ajet@farmside.co.nz or ph Alina 027 343 7447




COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kamo High School Orientation Day - If you have enrolled or intend coming to KHS in 2014, Tuesday 26 November, 11.00-2.30pm, Outside Library, Bring your sports gear, togs/towel/sunscreen, water bottle and \$\$\$ for BBQ/drink.

Hatha Yoga - 4.30 Wednesdays at the school hall, Suitable for everyone - beginners to advanced. Registered Yoga Teacher \$5per class when paid at start of term. Enquiries to Susan – 0212084167 or messageyogameditation@yahoo.co.nz
Classes also available at The Yoga Studio on Walton Street Whangarei, Gentle, Advanced, Yoga for Pain/Stress Management, Wild Yoga!

Operation Christmas Child - Help a child in need. Notices were sent home this week. Boxes available at the School Office. For more info go to operationchristmaschild.org.nz.

Kamo Swimming Club - the new season is due to start again, with registration taking place at the Pool on Friday, 1st November from 4.30pm onwards. Cost is \$80 per child per season to swim 2 nights per week plus Club nights. The first Stroke Correction night will be Monday, 4th November starting at 4.30pm. For any new members starting we will be assessing them on Mon, 4th Nov. Any queries please contact Karena on 0274 707 955 or Helen in the School office. 

Junior Twilight Football - Starts 7th Nov Tikipunga Football Cub Reed Street, Tikipunga. Contact vic.campbell@xtra.co.nz or 021 203 5721 for more information. Under 8s Under 10s Under 12s half hour games runs for 6 weeks lots of fun.

Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 2 November 2013 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Cake & sweet stalls, traditional Fair food, white elephant stall, paintball, kids rides, bouncy castle and much more. Lots of parking and eftpos available.

Northland Golf Club. Coaching sessions for new & developing Junior Golfers are now available (both Primary & Intermediate ages).

Rippa Rugby Module - Fridays starting Friday 8 November to Friday 13 December 2013. There are two grades; 4.00-6.00pm Youth Mixed (5-6 year olds, 7-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds) and 6.00-8.00pm Open Mixed* (13 year olds +) *younger players can play in this grade with the permission from their parent/guardian. This is a social module encouraging school teams, rugby teams, families, friends and work mates all to join in and be active. Cost is a gold coin donation per game. To register contact Lisa on 4339589 or 0211630237 or dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com before Friday 1 November 2013

TV Takeback - The TV Takeback scheme will be running for a limited time and is a chance for people to recycle their old TV for only \$5. For more info please visit the website www.tvtakeback.govt.nz or call us.

superCUTE children's clothing and other items for littleMISS and littleMAN aged between 0-7 years old. Also stock other items, party hire equipment, 68 Tawhai Pl, Parahaki. For more info visit facebook.com/supercute.gifts/photos_albums or email Vanessa@supercute.co.nz or phone 021920552

Whangarei Central Day - Thursday 7 November, Barge Park. For more info contact Michelle on 4335061 or 0274810450. If you have any trophies from last year's Central Day please return to the School office.



KidsCan Santa Run - Wed 4th Dec at 6.30pm. Fun run/walk that individuals, groups or teams can take part in dressed up as Santa's and raising money for KidsCan. Register online at www.lacticturkey.co.nz/SantaRunEntry.htm

The Brain Injury Assoc - Night of Fashion & Entertainment, Tue 5 Nov, Old Library, Rust Ave, Doors open at 5.00pm, finger food served, auctions, spot prizes, raffle. For more info contact Vikki 094595013/northland@brain-injury.org.nz or Kathy 0274595988.



Chocolates – URGENTLY due back

The first class to return all their chocolates receives a prize



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School